(Added Pub. L. 116-117, §2(a), Mar. 2, 2020, 134 Stat. 131.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3(a) of the Fraud Reduction and Data Analytics Act of 2015, referred to in subsec. (b), is section 3(a) of Pub. L. 114–186, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 546, which was formerly set out in a note under section 3321 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 116–117, §3(a)(4), Mar. 2, 2020, 134 Stat. 133.

The date of enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (b), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 116-117, which was approved Mar. 2, 2020.

§ 3358. Interagency working group for Governmentwide payment integrity improvement

- (a) Working Group.—
- (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this section, there is established an interagency working group on payment integrity—
 - (A) to improve—
 - (i) State-administered Federal programs to determine eligibility processes and data sharing practices;
 - (ii) the guidelines described in section 3357(b) and other best practices and techniques for detecting, preventing, and responding to improper payments, including improper payments that are the result of fraud; and
 - (iii) the sharing and development of data analytics techniques to help prevent and identify potential improper payments, including those that are the result of fraud; and
 - (B) to identify any additional activities that will improve payment integrity of Federal programs.
- (2) COMPOSITION.—The interagency working group established under paragraph (1) shall be composed of—
 - (A) the Director of the Office of Management and Budget;
 - (B) 1 representative from each of the agencies described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 901(b) of this title; and
 - (C) any other representatives of other executive agencies determined appropriate by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, which may include the Chief Information Officer, the Chief Procurement Officer, the Chief Risk Officer, or the Chief Operating Officer of an executive agency.
- (b) CONSULTATION.—The working group established under subsection (a)(1) may consult with Offices of Inspectors General and Federal and non-Federal experts on fraud risk assessments, administrative controls over payment integrity, financial controls, and other relevant matters.
- (c) MEETINGS.—The working group established under subsection (a)(1) shall hold not fewer than 4 meetings per year.
- (d) REPORT.—Not later than 240 days after the date of enactment of this section, the working group established under subsection (a)(1) shall submit to Congress a report that includes—
 - (1) a plan containing tangible solutions to prevent and reduce improper payments; and

(2) a plan for State agencies to work with Federal agencies to regularly review lists of beneficiaries of State-managed Federal programs for duplicate enrollment between States, including how the Do Not Pay Business Center and the data analytics initiative of the Department of the Treasury could aid in the detection of duplicate enrollment.

(Added Pub. L. 116-117, §2(a), Mar. 2, 2020, 134 Stat. 132.)

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References in Text

The date of enactment of this section, referred to in subsecs. (a)(1) and (d), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 116-117, which was approved Mar. 2, 2020.

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AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111–204, §2(h)(6)(B)(i), July 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 2231, struck out subchapter VI heading "RECOVERY AUDITS" and items 3561 "Identification of errors made by executive agencies in payments to contractors and recovery of amounts erroneously paid", 3562 "Disposition of recovered funds", 3563 "Sources of recovery services", 3564 "Management improvement programs", 3565 "Relationship to authority of Inspectors General", 3566 "Privacy protections", and 3567 "Definition of executive agency".

2008—Pub. L. 110–417, [div. A], title X, \$1061(c)(3), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4613, struck out item 3557 "Expedited action in protests for public-private competitions", as added by Pub. L. 110–161.

Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title III, §326(b)(2), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 63, added item 3557 "Expedited action in protests of public-private competitions".

2007—Pub. L. 110–161, div. D, title VII, \$739(c)(1)(B)(ii), Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2031, added item 3557.

2001—Pub. L. 107–107, div. A, title VIII, §831(a)(2), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1188, added subchapter VI heading and items 3561 to 3567.

2000—Pub. L. 106–531, §3(c), Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2539, added item 3516.

1996—Pub. L. 104-316, title I, §115(f)(2), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3834, struck out item 3531 "Property returns".

1990—Pub. L. 101–576, title III, §§ 301(b), 303(f), Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2848, 2852, substituted "and other financial management reports and plans" for "systems" in item 3512 and added item 3515.

 $1984\mathrm{-Pub}.$ L. 98–369, div. B, title VII, $\S\,2741(\mathrm{b}),$ July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1203, added subchapter V heading and items 3551 to 3556.

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL

§ 3501. Definition

In this chapter, "executive agency" does not include (except in section 3513) a corporation, agency, or instrumentality subject to chapter 91 of this title.

(Pub. L. 97–258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 959; Pub. L. 107–107, div. A, title VIII, §831(c), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1189; Pub. L. 111–204, §2(h)(6)(B)(ii), July 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 2231.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3501	31:65a.	Sept. 12, 1950, ch. 946, §118, 64 Stat. 837; Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 814, §2(c), 70 Stat. 783.

The words "As used . . . the term" are omitted as surplus. The words "means any executive department or independent establishment in the executive branch of the Government" are omitted because of section 102 of the revised title. The reference to 31:66d is unnecessary because the defined term is not used in the restatement of 31:66d in section 3514 of the revised title. The text of 31:65a(words after 4th comma) is omitted as unnecessary because of 39:410.

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AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111–204 struck out "and subchapter VI of this title" after "section 3513".

2001—Pub. L. 107–107 inserted "and subchapter VI" after "section 3513".

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107–289, §1, Nov. 7, 2002, 116 Stat. 2049, provided that: "This Act [amending section 3515 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 3515 of this title] may be cited as the 'Accountability of Tax Dollars Act of 2002'."

SHORT TITLE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-531, §1, Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2537, provided that: "This Act [enacting section 3516 of this title, amending sections 1116, 3515, and 3521 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1116 and 3516 of this title] may be cited as the 'Reports Consolidation Act of 2000'."

SUBCHAPTER II—ACCOUNTING REQUIRE-MENTS, SYSTEMS, AND INFORMATION

§3511. Prescribing accounting requirements and developing accounting systems

- (a) The Comptroller General shall prescribe the accounting principles, standards, and requirements that the head of each executive agency shall observe. Before prescribing the principles, standards, and requirements, the Comptroller General shall consult with the Secretary of the Treasury and the President on their accounting, financial reporting, and budgetary needs, and shall consider the needs of the heads of the other executive agencies.
- (b) Requirements prescribed under subsection (a) of this section shall—
 - (1) provide for suitable integration between the accounting process of each executive agency and the accounting of the Department of the Treasury:
 - (2) allow the head of each agency to carry out section 3512 of this title; and
 - (3) provide a method of—
 - (A) integrated accounting for the United States Government;
 - (B) complete disclosure of the results of the financial operations of each agency and the Government; and
 - (C) financial information and control the President and Congress require to carry out their responsibilities.
- (c) Consistent with subsections (a) and (b) of this section— $\,$
 - (1) the authority of the Comptroller General continues under section 121(b) of title 40; and
 - (2) the Comptroller General may prescribe the forms, systems, and procedures that the judicial branch of the Government (except the Supreme Court) shall observe.
- (d) The Comptroller General, the Secretary, and the President shall conduct a continuous program for improving accounting and financial reporting in the Government.

(Pub. L. 97–258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 959; Pub. L. 107–217, §3(h)(5), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1299.)

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